

# **GEORGE C. PHILLIPS**

## **Lehi Centennial History 1850-1950**

George C. Phillips was born October 9, 1859, in Gosport, Hampshire, England. His father, Charles Phillips, veteran of the Punjab Army of 1849 in India, married Eliza Nobes in England, where they accepted the gospel. When George was only six, the family sailed to America on the vessel, John Bright.

Following a seven week voyage on the ocean, they began a nine week trek across the plains. The company arrived in Salt Lake May 15, 1866. George walked most of the way. His parents moved to Lehi, October 6, with their only living children, George and Julia (Mrs. Jackson Wanlass). At the age of twelve, George left home to herd sheep. His mother died two years later.

George married Martha Evans December 2, 1880. She died March 7, 1906, leaving him with a large family.

He excelled in horsemanship and was a good farmer. George had a pleasing personality and jolly disposition, yet he was firm in purpose and wise in judgment.

January 14, 1909, he married Alice L. Pernoux, a French speaking convert from Switzerland.

He was the father of seventeen children, sixteen of whom are still living. Eight of them were school teachers.

As head of his house, George exhibited unusual kindness; possessing a rare gift of organization displayed by the manner in which he maintained order. He set high standards of honesty, integrity, and love for each other, seldom attained in such a large family.

After three years illness, he died May 4, 1921, holding the office of High Priest.